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3 DISTRIBUTED SEARCH SYSTEM AND METHOD

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5 ABSTRACT

6 A method and system for providing distributing a query to  
7 devices on a communications network, such as servers on the  
8 internet, using an application that can survey a subscriber's  
9 server that can include text documents and databases, and use the  
10 formatting information and data from the survey to create at  
11 least one dictionary customized to the subscriber's data sources.

12 A user seeking information can initiate a search or query from  
13 an initiating device using keywords, natural language terms,  
14 connectors, expressions, etc., and the query can be transmitted  
15 to various subscriber customized dictionaries. The customized  
16 dictionaries can customize the query based on respective  
17 subscriber databases and text documents, text search engines,  
18 etc., to produce an customized query result. The query results  
19 can be filtered and integrated for presentation to the initiating  
20 device. Search results can be customized using user preference  
21 or profile information.